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7. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Met with Mr. James D. Speakman, Executive Assistant to Representative John H. Ware (R., Pa.), and discussed with him the Representative's letter to the Agency concerning various newspaper articles forwarded by a constituent, Mrs. [redacted] of [redacted]. In brief, Mr. Speakman did not question the Agency policy of no comment on newspaper reports and indicated that he would query the Department of Defense and Department of State concerning the matters in question. No further action is required on Representative Ware's letter of 23 June 1971.

8. [redacted] JGO) Met with Messrs. James Wilson and W. H. Boone, House Science and Astronautics Committee staff, and briefed them on Soyuz-11 Salyut.

9. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and discussed briefly the Resolutions of Inquiry submitted by Representatives McCloskey (R., Calif.) and Abzug (D., N.Y.). Mr. Slatinshek noted that such resolutions are privileged only when addressed to the President or a member of the Cabinet. In consequence, the present resolutions may be deficient in that they contain request for information from other than heads of departments. He feels, however, that this, at best, will only cause delay because the resolutions can be amended by the proponents as soon as the error is realized. In his opinion, there is nothing further the Agency can do at this moment.

I also briefed Mr. Slatinshek on Soyuz-11 Salyut.

10. (Unclassified - LLM) Met with Joe Sparks, Administrative Assistant to Senator David Gambrell (D., Ga.), and provided him a suggested reply to the constituent inquiry from [redacted] who questioned whether CIA fits into our constitutional system of checks and balances. Mr. Sparks was completely satisfied with our response, which also closes out their request to the Marine Corps. I said I would send him copies of the Director's speech and a brochure on the Agency so that he could handle similar inquiries in the future.



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